(d) whether Government consider this question as a human problem; and

(e) whether Government are taking steps to provide these workers alternative employment, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 51

(c) Though these 51 displaced contract labourers had been on peaceful relay Dharna since the closure of the MRM, the Dharna was called off w.e.f. 12.9.95 as the Hamali Workers Cooperative Society, Miryalguda, the H&T contractor for FSD Miryalguda agreed to provide work to them on rotation basis.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) With a view to providing continued opportunity to these workers to earn their livelihood the FCI proposes to suitably amend the H&T contractor with the Hamali Workers Cooperative Society after the expiry of its present contract with them on 31.1.1997.

Allegations of corruption against Western Coal Fields

988. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain allegations of corruption have been made against the Western Coalfields;

(b) if so, the nature of allegations;

(c) the response of the WCL thereto; and

(d) the steps to be taken to prevent corruption in WCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The allegations made relate to grant of linkages and allocation of coal to non-existant units, allotment of mining blocks to private companies, awarding of contracts, reporting of producton, write-off of stocks etc.

An independent machinery exists in WCL for prevention of corruption and taking suitable action against officers found guilty after proper investigations. All specific allegations made against any official is looked into by this machinery and appropriate action taken where necessary. The allegations pertaining to grant of linkages and allocation of coal to non-existent units are being enquired into by Ministry of Coal.

गुजरात में नई चीनी मिलों को हो रही वित्तीय कठिनाइयां

989. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी॰ सोलकी:** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान गुजरात में स्वीकृत की गई नई चीनी मिलों के संबंध में मूल्यों में वृद्धि होने के कारण काफी वित्तीय समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या गुजरात राज्य सरकार ने इन परियोजनाओं की निर्धारित लागत में संशोधन करके उसे 40 करोड़ रूपये करने के संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार से अनुरोध किया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार ने मानक लागत में वृद्धि करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाए हैं?

खाद्य मंत्री तथा नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव): (क) से (ग) सातवीं योजनावधि (1985-90) के दौरान मंजूर की गई फैक्ट्रियां बहुत पहले लग जानी चाहिए थीं। वित्तीय संस्थानों द्वारा कार्यान्वयन में हुए विलम्ब के कारण लागत में हुई वृद्धि पर व्यावहार्यता के आधार पर विचार किया जाना होगा।

Regarding Commission to include new castes in the List of OBCs

990. SMT. BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR.

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Commission to include new castes in the list of Other Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the Composition of the Commission: